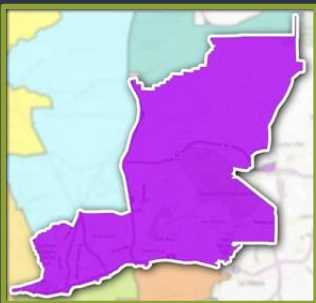


## *Serving the Neighborhoods of the 7<sup>th</sup> District*

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## Audit Committee OKs Graffiti Abatement Audit Requested by Sherman

Graffiti is a major problem in our neighborhoods. Not only is graffiti an eyesore, but according to the Department of Justice it can increase residents' fear of gang activity, cause lost revenue from reduced ridership on transit systems, reduce retail sales, and lower property values.

Finding a solution to quickly abate and cover up this illegal activity is necessary in order to maintain our neighborhoods at a higher standard.

Last year, as Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee, I requested that the City Auditor conduct a performance audit on the City's Graffiti Control Program. This program is responsible for graffiti abatement, law enforcement, and community outreach efforts.

Currently, the process for graffiti abatement is highly decentralized. The responsibilities for complaint intake, routes and clean-up in the field are shared by the Transportation and Storm Water Department's Street Division, the Developmental Services Department's Neighborhood Code Compliance section, and Urban Corps of San Diego.

All three of these groups take in

graffiti requests; however the responsibility to address the abatement of the graffiti is split depending of its location. If you have ever tried to call into the graffiti hotline, you know it is not very user friendly.

In order to address this, the Office of the City Auditor has recommended that the City look into streamlining the graffiti abatement process in order to centralize it under one department and improve the program's overall performance. I look forward to working with the Mayor, the Chief Operating Office and city staff to see this program implanted.

Common sense approaches like this one to streamline the Graffiti Control Program will increase customer service and increase efficiency at the City.

Yours in Service,

Scott Sherman  
Councilmember -District 7

## Del Cerro Pole Removal Ceremony

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March 20<sup>th</sup> marked the removal of the final utility pole in Del Cerro ( Project Block 7CC) as part of the undergrounding utilities program. The work was a joint effort between the City of San Diego, SDG&E, AT&T, and Cox Cable. The project consisted of installing 56 new streetlights and 47 pedestrian ramps in addition to undergrounding 3.8 miles of utility lines. The project will be capped with the planting of approximately 140 trees and an overlay of the streets within the project. Undergrounding is a great example of the public and private sector working together and Councilmember Sherman was happy to acknowledge the accomplishment in our community with a pole removal ceremony.



## World Down Syndrome Day

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, World Down Syndrome Day, Councilmember Sherman had the honor of recognizing DS Action for their persistent efforts to help children living with Down syndrome in Southern California. DS Action was founded by two Tierrasanta residents, Sharla and Michael Hank, after they learned their son Adam was diagnosed with Down syndrome. DS Action has partnered with Rady Children's hospital and they work together to improve the quality of life for children with Down syndrome. This partnership also allows both organizations to assist the families as a whole by providing services according to their unique and specific needs. DS Action's goal for each patient is to actualize their potential by coordinating medical and therapeutic specialists into one place. Thank you DS Action and Rady Children's Hospital for all that you do to help improve the lives of those living with Down syndrome in our community.





## **Events Attended by Councilman Sherman**

**3/3: Inauguration of  
Mayor Kevin Faulconer**

**3/7: Tour of La Mirage**

**3/11: Kim O'Hara  
Proclamation  
Presentation**

**3/12: Stuffed Dragons  
Robotic Presentation**

**3/13: Tierrasanta  
Recreation Council**

**3/17: Father to Child  
Meeting**

**3/20: Mission Trails  
Regional Park Task Force**

**3/20: SeaWorld 50<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary Celebration  
Ceremony**

**3/21: Spirit of the Barrio  
Luncheon**

**3/21: World Down  
Syndrome Day**

**3/25: Team Top Gun  
Proclamation  
Presentation**

**3/27: SD Tourism  
Authority Annual Meeting**

**3/27: Make Change Count  
Event with the California  
Apartment Association**

**3/27 - TierraCanyon Girls  
Fastpitch Softball Game**

**3/28: San Diego  
Consortium Policy Board  
Meeting**

**3/30 San Diego Regional  
Chamber of Commerce  
CA-Mexico Trade  
Initiative Trip**

## **Adopt-a-Family Update**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Council District 7 Adopt-a-Family Drive. As a team we were able to collect almost every item on the wish list provided by two families who have children at Carson Elementary School in Linda Vista. Please stay tuned as we will be holding another Adopt-A-Family event in August.



## **Overnight Kumeyaay Campgrounds to Reopen in June**

On March 3rd, the City Council voted to appropriate funding to reopen the Mission Trails Regional Park Kumeyaay Campgrounds which have been closed since September 2011. Councilmember Sherman worked diligently with Council President Gloria to ensure this item was added during budget adjustments for the current fiscal year. Staff at MTRP are currently in the process of readying the campgrounds so they can reopen the site in mid-June for Friday and Saturday overnight camping. There are 48 campsites and a comfort station with showers at the Kumeyaay Campgrounds. The Councilmember looks forward to seeing the campgrounds reopened so families can experience camping at one of San Diego's most beautiful places.

## **SR - 163/ Friars Road Interchange Project**

The City, in partnership with Caltrans, will be modifying the SR-163/Friars interchange in order to improve traffic conditions and provide safer pedestrian and bicycle access. The project is divided into three phases, with the first phase currently in design and scheduled to begin in 2015. Phase One improvements include the widening of Friars Road to eight lanes and ramp improvements at Friars Road. During Phase Two the San Diego Bridge will be widened and a flyover structure will be constructed to eliminate conflict between traffic entering southbound SR-163 and exiting SR-163 to I-8 west. Lastly, during Phase Three the southbound SR-163 auxiliary lane and northbound on-ramp with auxiliary lane will be built during this final phase. To improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety, bike lanes and sidewalks will be constructed in both directions of Friars Road and the on and off ramps will be realigned to eliminate weaving movements. Additional improvements include traffic signal modifications at the Frazee/Friars Road intersection and the Avenida de las Tiendas/Friars Road intersection. The intersection near Frazee Road and Friars Road will also be reconfigured to increase the number of thru and turning lanes. Stay tuned for additional updates throughout the coming years.

# Upcoming District 7 Events

## MEET THE MAYOR IN LINDA VISTA- APRIL 16

Mayor Kevin Faulconer will be hosting a "Meet the Mayor" at the Bayside Community Center located at 2002 Comstock Street, San Diego, CA 92111 on April 16 from 5-6:30 p.m. for the residents of District 7. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Anthony George at [GeorgeA@sandiego.gov](mailto:GeorgeA@sandiego.gov).

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## CONCERTS IN THE PARK

The Mission Trails Regional Park Foundation, located at 1 Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Diego, CA 92119, is hosting free concerts for the public. The concerts will be held on the third Sunday of the month in the Visitor Center Theater at 3:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following.

The schedule:

- May 18: Mary Lou Brandwein and the Takahasi Flute
- June 8: San Diego Native American Flute Circle

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## LINDA VISTA MULTI-CULTURAL FAIR - APRIL 26

The 29th Annual Linda Vista Multi Cultural Fair, held on the 6900 block of Linda Vista Road, will be taking place on Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The fair is intended to promote cultural awareness and understanding in San Diego. Its numerous cultural exhibits, varied ethnic food offerings and delightful artistic performances are coming soon. All interested vendors, performers, volunteers, and sponsors should visit [www.lindavistafair.org](http://www.lindavistafair.org) for applications and more information. Councilmember Sherman will be serving as the Master of Ceremonies for this event.

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## MURPHY CANYON CREEK TO BAY CLEAN-UP - MAY 10

Councilmember Sherman is partnering with I Love a Clean San Diego and the San Diego River Park Foundation for a cleanup of the Murphy Canyon Creek on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers will remove litter and debris from the edge of the San Diego riverbed and surrounding property around Qualcomm Stadium. All ages are welcome! To join our team, please contact Lexi Ambrogi at [lambrogi@cleansd.org](mailto:lambrogi@cleansd.org) or (619)-704-2778.

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## TIERRESANTA PATRIOTS DAY PARADE - MAY 17

Mark your calendars for the May 17<sup>th</sup> Patriots Day parade festivities. The Patriots Day parade starts at 10:00 a.m. from Serra High School and will travel almost a mile throughout Tierrasanta. After the parade there will be a fair in the Tierrasanta Town Center parking where there will be local crafts, an All-American Barbeque Dinner, live music, and dancing. Fireworks will be held after the festivities at the Tierrasanta Community Park.

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## DISTRICT 7 LIBRARY EVENTS

Our District 7 libraries host many events that are great for the whole community.

*Allied Gardens / Benjamin Branch* - On Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. the library hosts "Hatha Yoga for Adults." Aryn Rannazzisi leads a gentle paced class combining breath work and postures (asanas) to promote strength, flexibility and balance. This all-level class will include inversions, backbends and sun salutations. Please bring a mat or large towel and a hand towel or strap to class.

*Linda Vista Branch* - Every Monday and Friday from 4:00 -5:00 p.m. the library hosts crafts for kids where they can stretch their imaginations and create fabulous crafts. Every Friday, from 4:30-5:20 p.m. the library hosts a Trading Card Game Club, join in and meet other Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon, and Magic players.

*Mission Valley Branch* - Every Monday from 4:00 -5:00 p.m. the library hosts Zumba Basic for all ages. Every Tuesday, from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. the library hosts Yoga for Adults and Teens. Every Thursday, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. the library hosts a Tai Chi class for adults 55+. Every Tuesday, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. the library hosts Yoga classes for all age groups, join them in shaping both body and mind.

*San Carlos Branch* - The San Carlos Friends of the Library Book Sale will be holding book sales on the first Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m. -3:00 p.m. The proceeds from these sales go to purchase books, programs, and equipment for community use and enjoyment at the San Carlos Library.

*Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Branch* - Every Monday and Thursday at 1:00 p.m. Zumba Dance/Toning Fitness classes are held for adults. Every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. is Kids Night with Hopscotch at the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa branch, please join Miss Kim for music, stories, arts and crafts in a program which is ideal for toddlers and pre-schoolers. On Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. the library offers free tutoring and homework help for children ages 5 and up. Zumba Gold Fitness is held on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and is designed for beginners and active seniors.

*Tierrasanta Branch* - Baby Sign Story Time takes place on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. During this class Parents and babies will learn signs through favorite stories such as Brown Bear, Brown Bear and Goodnight Moon and rediscover nursery rhymes through signing.



## Sign up for the D7 e-newsletter

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### Appointments to Boards and Commissions

The City of San Diego has a variety of boards and commissions offering an excellent opportunity for individuals to volunteer their services on significant matters. Boards and commissions may be fiduciary, regulatory, policy-setting and/or advisory; and in all cases, members' contributions are invaluable to the Mayor, the City Council, and the City.

A list of current vacancies and an application form to be considered for an appointment can be found at <http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/boards-commissions/>.

If you have any questions or would like to apply for an appointment please contact Barrett Tetlow at 619-236-6677 or [btetlow@sandiego.gov](mailto:btetlow@sandiego.gov).

### Stuffed Dragons Robotics Day

Councilmember Sherman has the pleasure of proclaiming March 12 as "Stuffed Dragons Robotics Team Day" in the City of San Diego. The Stuffed Dragons are a local robotics team that participates annually at the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) robotics challenge, which features competitors from around the world. This organization is supported by the Boys and Girls Club of Greater San Diego's Linda Vista Teen Center who are dedicated to providing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) activities for children and teens. The Stuffed Dragons are the only FIRST Tech Challenge robotics team in the world utilizing innovative solar charging systems for their robots. This group of talented children have been top-ranked in each competition this season and won two Connect awards for their community outreach efforts. The Stuffed Dragons have consistently demonstrated team innovation through their robot development process and have shown commitment to communities in the San Diego region. The team celebrated their special day in the City with a demonstration at City Hall followed by a pizza party with the Councilmember.



Councilman Sherman with the Stuffed  
Dragon Robotics Team

### Casework Corner

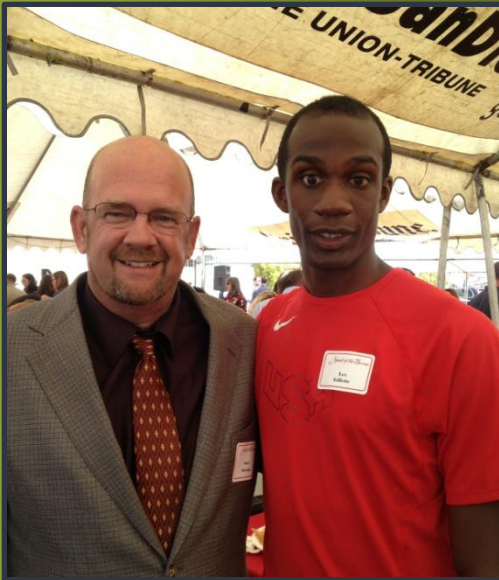
One of my top priorities is improving customer service at City Hall. I believe our government should be using these five simple words more:  
"How may I help you?"

Neighborhood Issues Successfully Resolved in  
March:

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# Sherman in the District



- Speaking at the Del Cerro Pole Removal Ceremony
- Meeting with Governor José Calzada Rovirosa of Queretaro during the SD Chamber's Trade Mission to Mexico with Council President Gloria and Mayor Faulconer
- At the Spirit of the Barrio Luncheon
- At Down Syndrome Action Day
- Umpiring TierraCanyon 8U Fastpitch Softball
- Presenting a proclamation to Patrick Henry High School's Team Top Gun, the National Tennis Champions for the 14 and Under Advanced Division